THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Tuesday, the 25th August 1925.

The House met at 11 o'clock, Mr. Deputy President (M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur P. KESAVA PILLAI Avargal, C.I.E.) in the chair.

I

NEW MEMBER.

Sir R. Venkataratnam Nayudu, *Kt.*, made the prescribed oath or affirmation of allegiance to the Crown and took his seat.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15 *on the 4th December* 1924—

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The Secretary shall call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Agriculture.

Development of agriculture in Coimbatore.

*361 Q.—Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that he stated as president of the Agricultural Conference at Coimbatore on the 16th July 1925 that he is not sure as to what the Government was going to do regarding agricultural education in the future; and

(*b*) if this statement is true whether it has any reference to the statement made by the Secretary of State for India in the House of Lords regarding the future agricultural policy in India?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU:—"May we know now from the hon. the Minister whether there is to be any change regarding agricultural education in the future? The question was put with reference to an extract reported in the papers of his speech at Coimbatore?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"This is what appeared in the '*Justice*' paper: 'Though the results have been comparatively disappointing, I think the experiment should be proceeded with, and perhaps extended to many schools with such modifications as experience may show to be necessary."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU:—"May we know what is the present experience Government have gained as far as agricultural education is concerned?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"At two centres where the experiment is carried on, we are not as much pleased as we expected but we will persevere."

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU:—"May we know the points regarding which Government were not pleased with the education imparted?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—"The proper classes of students are not being recruited."

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. the Minister whether he said in the speech that has been referred to that it has been found difficult to get employment for students who have passed out of the agricultural schools so far?"

Co-operative Societies.

Appointment of Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies.

* 362 *Q.*—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that selections for the posts of Assistant Registrars of Co-operative Societies were made partly from the chief inspectors;

(*b*) how many such appointments were made and what is the service and educational qualification of each chief inspector thus promoted;

(*c*) whether in making these appointments of Assistant Registrars, the claims of any senior chief inspectors were overlooked; and

(*d*) if so, the reasons for this?